

**Circular Letter No 39/2024**

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/Oph/BS (24)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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08<sup>th</sup> May 2024

To: Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/Eastern/Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/KDU.

**MD (OPHTHALMOLOGY) OPHTHALMIC BASIC SCIENCES**  
**EXAMINATION – JUNE 2024 (PROSPECTUS 2014)**

1. The above examination will commence on **04<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of the in-service training in a recognized training unit of one year.
  - (b) Satisfactory progress report acceptable to the BOS (annexure 12 in prospectus)
3. This examination shall consist of the following two subjects & there will be 3 Components in each subject:
  - A. **Ocular Anatomy, Radiology and Genetics**
  - B. **Ocular Physiology, basics in ophthalmic Pathology and Epidemiology**
  - A. **Ocular Anatomy, Radiology and Genetics** (Considered as one)
    - I. MCQ – 30 questions to be answered in 1 hour
    - II. Structured Essay Paper – 3 questions to be answered in 1 ½ hours
    - III. Structured Oral / Viva voce examination – 20 minutes duration
  - B. **Ocular Physiology, basics in ophthalmic Pathology and Epidemiology** (Considered as one)
    - I. MCQ – 30 questions to be answered in 1 hour
    - II. Structured Essay Paper – 3 questions to be answered in 1 ½ hours
    - III. Structured Oral / Viva voce examination – 20 minutes duration

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- MCQs in both subjects will be given as one paper and Structured Essay questions pertaining to the two subjects shall be given as one paper, to be answered in 3 hours.

4. Requirements to Pass the Ophthalmic basic Sciences examination

- a) **In order to pass a subject**, a candidate must:

Obtain a minimum closed mark of 20 for that subject (a grade of **PASS – P** or an **EXCELLENT PASS – EP**)

And

Not obtain more than one closed mark of less than 20 in the 3 components (MCQ, Essay and Viva.)

And

Not obtain a closed mark of less than 15 in either the essay or the MCQ Component.

- b) **To pass the examination**, a candidate must obtain passes in the two subjects in one and the same examination.

5. Past question can be downloaded from our website <http://librepository.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/handle/1/2146>

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Ophthalmic Basic Sciences examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination, or subsequent scheduled examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examinations will be counted as an attempts.

7. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

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| (a) Application fee  | - Rs. 7,500/- (Non Refundable)  |
| (b) Registration fee | - Rs. 14,000/- (Non Refundable) |
| (c) Examination fee  | - Rs. 30,500/- (Non Refundable) |

**(Note that only payments made through PGIM online portal will be accepted)**

8. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>

9. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/cZds9cxqdgsRDJCHA> on or before **25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Candidates have to use the email accounts created by the PGIM to access the google form. The exam application with all the relevant documents must be attached as a **single PDF** document since this portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**

10. Each year only the scheduled Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
11. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website - [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk)
12. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission documents. Feedback in Part II should be limited to concerns, if any, regarding the conduct of the examination (eg. perceived biases, discriminatory behaviour, harassment, intimidation) and NOT regarding the format or content of the examination. The form should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination. No concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours of conclusion of the examination or following the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.
13. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
14. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates. <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.
15. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.



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